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In re Application of: Rene BERTOCCHIO

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Examiner: I. C. Cintins  
(703) 308-3840Title: PROCESS FOR DRYING  
DIFLUOROMETHANEAttorney Docket No: 2988-700-999  
(formerly 1798-7337)**RESPONSE TO EX PARTE QUAYLE ACTION**Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the *Ex Parte* Quayle Action mailed on January 15, 2003, and in connection with a *Petition to Revive* and a *Request for Continued Examination* (RCE) filed concurrently, applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and remarks into the file of the above-identified application. Also attached hereto are: (i) Exhibit A, a copy of Figure 1 with applicant's desired amendments marked in red; and (ii) Exhibit B, a clean copy of proposed Figure 1, incorporating applicant's proposed changes as of October 23, 2002. Also enclosed is a *Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement* providing a full English translation of the reference JP 8 173799 A, the English language abstract of which was previously submitted in an *Information Disclosure Statement* filed on December 8, 1999.

IN THE DISCLOSURE:

Please amend the Abstract to read as follows:

ABSTRACT

**PROCESS FOR DRYING DIFLUOROMETHANE**

**Company known as:** **ELF-ATOCHEM S.A.**  
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Process for drying wet F32, which comprises placing a stream of the said F32 in continuous contact with a feed stock of a composition comprising a molecular sieve chosen from a 3A type sieve, at a temperature of between 5 and 78°C and at a pressure of between 0.5 and 25 atm.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend Figure 1 to delete the numbers corresponding to drawing elements 17, 20 and 21. Enclosed herewith is Exhibit A, a copy of Figure 1 as filed with applicant's desired amendments marked in red; and Exhibit B, a clean copy of proposed Figure 1, incorporating applicant's proposed changes as of the entry of this amendment.